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### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: California State University, Chico  
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Main Switchgear and Electrical System Renewal  
**Project Title**

CSU Chico campus, Chico, CA  
**Project Location-Specific**

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**Project Location-County**

The project consists of upgrading the existing 12kV medium voltage electrical distribution system throughout the CSU, Chico campus and construction of a new +/-2,800 SF switchgear housing in which the new switchgear serving the campus will reside.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project**

California State University, Chico  
**Name of Public Agency Approving Project**

California State University, Chico  
**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project**

The project is exempt from CEQA under the following authority: (check one)

- Ministerial (14 Cal. Code of Regs. §15268)
- Declared Emergency (14 Cal. Code of Regs. §15269(a))
- Emergency Project (14 Cal. Code of Regs. §15269(b), (c), (d) & (e)). State subsection letter:
- Statutory Exemption. (14 Cal. Code of Regs. §§ 15260 et seq.) State statutory number: Public Resources Code §21080.21, 14 Cal. Code of Regs. §15269(b)
- X Categorical Exemption. (14 Cal. Code of Regs. §§15300 et seq.) State class and section number: Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction (15302) and Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (15303)
- No possibility of physical impact. (14 Cal. Code of Regs. §15061(b)(3))

This project involves replacement of our electrical distribution system and new construction of a blockhouse for the new switchgear housing, which falls within the scope of these two exemptions.

**Reasons why project is exempt**

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## Project Description

The Main Switchgear and Electrical System Renewal project will address the following:

- New +/-2,800 SF housing built on the site of the now demolished green houses.
- Replacement of end of life medium voltage distribution switchgear with no expansion of capacity

Completion of the above items will be coordinated with the following items:

- Replacement and reconstruction of existing end of life utility 12kV distribution feeders
- 12kV Vaults to provide separation of feeders in an effort to reduce impact in the event of a catastrophic failure